

**REMARKS**

***I. RESTRICTION ELECTION***

The applicant acknowledges that claim 8, 18, 22-29, 32, and 50-56 were previously withdrawn. The claims are now cancelled.

***II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC § 102***

Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 4,660,397 to Gerimont. Claims 11-17, 21, and 44-49 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by WIPO 01/48339 to Jacob. Claims 11-17, 19-21, 30, 31, 37-42, 44-49, and 57-60 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 2,822,684 to Ray.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 11-17, 19-21, 30, 31, 37-42, 44-49, and 57-60 have been canceled.

***III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC § 103***

Claims 10 and 43 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over combinations of Girimont in view of US Application 2004/0148988 to Taylor or Ray in view of Taylor.

Claims 10 and 43 have been canceled.

***III. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER***

The examiner indicates that claims 3, 4, 7, 9, and 33-36 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

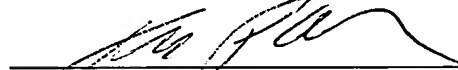
Claims 3, 7, 9 and 33 have been rewritten to independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and an intervening claims. Claims 4, and 34-36 dependent form one of claims 3 or 33 and therefore now include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Accordingly, claims 3, 4, 7, 9, and 33-36 are believed to be allowable and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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